<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims 1-11 and 14-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 13 is canceled and claims 1 and 16 are amended.

The Decision on Appeal rejects claims 1-11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 16 are amended to obviate this rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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